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MIDWEST LIVESTOCK REVIEW and RANGE AND FEEDLOT SALES

Storm conditions again prevailed over most of the central States. Livestock marketings continued relatively small and were below a year ago although receipts increased somewhat from the previous week. Choice and Prime slaughter steers closed strong to 50¢ higher at most midwest terminals and 50¢ to mostly \$1.00 higher at Chicago. Standard and Good steers sold steady to 50¢ lower for the most part. The general trend on fed heifers was steady to 50¢ higher. Barrows and gilts closed largely 50-75¢ higher. Prices on slaughter lambs were steady to \$1.00 higher, large share 50¢ up.

SLAUGHTER CATTLE AND CALVES - Although spring was officially only 10 days away, much of the nation remained buried under deep snow in the second week of March. Thus, as severe winter storms continued, weather was again the dominant factor in the movement of livestock and price trends. The 12 market cattle receipts increased for the second straight week but the increase was slight and supplies were again relatively small in view of record numbers on feed and the fact that U. S. cattle numbers stand at an all time high. Slaughter steers and heifers predominated at midwest markets and the bulk graded Good and Choice. Eight percent of the Chicago steer supply graded Prime, smallest this year but still a third greater than the same week in 1959. At most markets, cows were very scarce. Cattle prices were generally higher Monday on the smallest receipts for the day in nearly a year, but initial upturns on steers and heifers were generally shaded later or turned into moderate declines particularly on kinds grading Standard and Good. At most points Choice and Prime steers closed strong to 50¢ higher, other grades steady to 50¢ lower. At Chicago, high-Choice and Prime steers advanced 50¢ to mostly \$1.00 while at So. St. Paul Choice steers and heifers declined 50¢ with Standard and Good 50¢-\$1.00 lower. At most markets, however, heifers sold steady to 50¢ higher. Cows closed strong to \$1.50 higher, largely 50¢-\$1.00; bulls 50¢-\$1.00 higher. Vealers sold steady at St. Louis National Stock Yards but \$1.00-2.00 higher at So. St. Paul.

The average price of steers in Chicago at \$27.36 stood \$2.23 above the final week in 1959 and was the highest since September last year and the average price of Prime steers at \$31.03 highest since last June. Most high-Choice and Prime 1100-1425# steers in Chicago \$30.00-32.00, 3 loads Prime \$32.25-32.50, while Choice steers bulked at \$27.00-29.50 and Good at \$24.50-26.50. Elsewhere high-Choice and mixed Choice and Prime 1050-1450# slaughter steers cashed at \$28.00-29.00, load Choice 1137# \$29.50 at So. St. Paul and load Prime 1340# \$30.00

at Sioux City. Bulk Choice steers \$26.75-28.00; Good and low-Choice \$23.50-26.75; Standard and low-Good \$19.50-24.50. High-Choice and mixed Choice and Prime 883-1100# fed heifers at Chicago \$28.00-29.00; Choice \$26.50-28.25; Good and low-Choice \$23.00-26.25. At other midwest terminals, average to high-Choice heifers realized \$26.50-27.50, few high-Choice and Prime \$27.75-28.00 at Omaha; most Choice \$25.00-27.00; Good and low-Choice \$22.50-26.00.

STOCKER AND FEEDER CATTLE AND CALVES - Even though the prolonged cold and snowy weather hampered the movement of livestock and created more than the normal amount of late winter problems in handling and care, outlet proved more than adequate to absorb the moderate numbers of stockers and feeders at terminal markets. Prices were generally steady to 50¢ higher with the least advance on feeder steers weighing above 1000#. Feeder buyers the past several weeks have shown an increasing inclination to compete with slaughterers for partly fattened steers and their purchases this week included moderate numbers weighing 950-1050# already carrying sufficient finish to grade high-Good in the beef.

Majority Good and Choice 800-1050# feeders sold from \$24.00-26.50, few 825# to \$27.00; Medium and low-Good feeders \$21.00-23.50. Good and Choice yearling stock steers sold from \$24.50-30.00, the majority \$26.00-28.50. Several loads Choice 600-660# were included at \$30.00 and 556# short yearlings reached \$32.00. Medium and low-Good stockers realized \$21.00-26.00. Good and Choice yearling heifers brought \$22.50-28.00 but heifers 675# up seldom exceeded \$25.00. Good and Choice stock steer calves sold from \$26.00-32.00, few around 300# up to \$35.00. Good and Choice heifer calves bulked at \$24.00-28.50. Medium and Good stock cows sold from \$16.00-19.00, load Good 2-3 year old cows and heifers \$20.75.

HOGS - Terminal Markets - Late winter storm conditions continued to plague much of the midwest hog marketing area but even so, receipts at the 12 markets were nearly 5 percent above the previous week. Supplies, however, were about 10 percent under a year ago. The inclement weather not only disrupted marketing plans but also was a factor in the departure from normal day to day distribution. Many centers received liberal receipts on Friday after weather conditions had alleviated sufficiently to permit opening of rural roads and feedlots. The consist of the offerings was much the same as in recent weeks with

mixed U. S. No. 1-3 190-250# barrows and gilts predominating, however, there were moderate numbers of 250-300# butchers at the western Corn Belt markets. Prices advanced under the influence of moderate receipts and higher dressed pork prices, however, part of the early upturns were erased Friday when receipts were liberal. Compared with the previous week's close, butchers and sows at most centers sold 25¢-\$1.00 higher, largely 50-75¢ up except at Indianapolis where late sales were 25¢ lower for the period.

At the close, mixed U. S. No. 1-3, 190-270# barrows and gilts brought \$15.00-16.25, largely \$15.50-16.00. Selected lots of No. 1 and No. 1-2, largely sorted for weight and grade and weighing 190-230# brought \$15.50-16.50.

Feeder pig prices advanced 50¢ at Sioux City and mostly \$1.00 at So. St. Paul. Mostly Good 130-160# at So. St. Paul brought \$13.50-14.50, Medium and Good 130-160# at Sioux City \$12.50-13.50.

HOGS - Interior Iowa-Southern Minnesota Area - Substantial price upturns through Thursday were somewhat reduced by downturns on Friday. However, on a Friday to Friday comparison for the week, butchers were 50-75¢, mostly 60-75¢ higher and sows were mostly 90¢ higher. Approximately 85 percent of the butcher supply was mixed No. 1-3 weighing 190-240#. On late rounds U. S. No. 1-3 190-240# barrows and gilts sold at \$14.80-15.75 and a small supply mainly 200-230# No. 1 and 2 selected lots brought \$15.75-16.15.

SHEEP AND LAMBS - The 12 market receipts were 3 percent over a week earlier but 9 percent less than a year ago. Higher wholesale dressed lamb prices stimulated demand for the moderate receipts and slaughter lambs sold strong to \$1.00 higher, bulk 50¢ up. Slaughter ewes were steady to strong instances 50¢ higher. Feeder lambs were strong to 50¢ higher.

At the close, Choice and Prime 90-117# woolled slaughter lambs sold from \$22.00-23.00, instances to \$23.50. Choice and Prime 115-125# \$21.00-22.50. Mostly Choice 90-116# woolled lambs brought \$21.00-22.50 and 117-131# offerings \$20.50-21.50. Some mostly Good 90-115# lambs \$20.00-21.50. Choice and Prime 90-113# shorn slaughter lambs, most with No. 1 and fall shorn pelts, cashed from \$21.00-22.00, limited volume 93-107# \$22.25-22.50 instances \$23.00 for fall shorn lambs. Most Choice 90-110# shorn lambs brought \$20.00-21.50. Bulk Cull to Choice slaughter ewes sold from \$4.00-8.00.

Most Good and Choice 60-90# woolled feeder lambs brought \$19.50-21.50, many sales \$20.00-21.50. Choice 81# feeders reached \$22.25 at So. St. Paul. Medium and Good woolled feeders brought \$17.00-19.00.

In the Interior Iowa-So. Minnesota Area slaughter lamb prices were strong to 50¢ higher,

instances \$1.00 up on woolled lambs. Slaughter ewes were fully steady. Choice 90-105# woolled slaughter lambs delivered to packing plants late sold from \$21.00-22.00, many sales \$21.50 up, Choice 105-115# \$20.50-22.00. Choice and Prime 90-105# woolled lambs \$22.00-23.00. Good and Choice woolled lambs brought \$20.00-21.50. Choice 90-100# shorn lambs with No. 1 and fall shorn pelts realized \$20.00-21.00, bulk \$20.50 up; Choice and Prime with No. 1 to mostly fall shorn pelts \$21.00-21.50.

RANGE AND FEEDLOT SALES

Note: Shrink on most range and feedlot sales none to 5 percent, mostly 4 percent f.o.b. some with short haul and 3 percent shrink. All sales for immediate delivery unless specified.

ARIZONA, CALIFORNIA, NEVADA, AND UTAH - Direct trade on slaughter steers and heifers again active with considerable contracting for April-May delivery. Price trends mostly 50¢ higher in California and strong in Arizona. Stocker and feeder cattle and calves strong to 50¢ higher. Old crop slaughter lambs steady to 25¢ lower, while spring slaughter lambs firm to 50¢ higher. Slaughter steers: In California, 187 loads mostly Choice 900-1150# \$27.15-28.00; in California and Arizona, 158 loads high-Good and Choice 900-1250# \$26.25-27.00; 135 loads mostly Good 900-1200# \$24.50-26.00; 40 load string expected to be Good and Choice 900-950# \$24.50 for June delivery; Standard and Good 860-1050# \$22.00-23.50. Slaughter heifers: 48 loads mostly Choice 750-1000# \$26.00-26.50, 10 loads mixed Good and Choice \$25.00-25.50.

Stocker and feeder cattle and calves: For current to June delivery, Good and Choice 550-750# steers \$25.00-27.50; Good 650-775# \$24.00-25.00; Good and Choice 900-1100# \$22.00-24.50; 200 Medium and low-Good 900-1000# \$23.00; 280 head string Medium and Good 550-725# mixed steers and heifers \$23.00-23.25.

Lambs: In California and Arizona, 18,000 Choice to mostly Prime 90-100# spring slaughter lambs \$23.00-23.50; 82 loads mostly Choice 110-118# old crop shorn slaughter lambs with No. 1 pelts \$20.00-21.00.

COLORADO, SOUTHERN WYOMING, WESTERN NEBRASKA, AND WESTERN KANSAS - Trading on fed cattle direct at feedlots in Colorado very active. Fed steers sold strong to 35¢ higher with steers over 1250# showing the advance. Fed heifers sold fully steady, instances 25¢ higher. Seventy-seven loads Choice 1075-1350# fed steers \$26.35-27.35, mostly \$26.75 and up; 82 loads high-Good and Choice 1050-1310# \$25.50-26.25; load 1450# Good and Choice steers \$25.00; 4 loads

Standard to low-Good 1000-1100# to California buyer \$21.65. Fifty-nine loads Choice 875-1000# fed heifers \$26.00-26.60; 114 loads high-Good and Choice 875-1035# \$25.00-26.25, mostly \$25.75-26.25 late in the week; 2 loads 825-975# Standard to low-Choice \$23.00-23.75.

Demand for stocker and feeder cattle and calves very good with prices strong to 50¢ higher. Western Kansas: 26 loads Good and Choice 590-745# feeder steers \$23.55-25.90; 2 loads Choice 637# \$27.00; 3 loads Good and Choice 940-985# \$24.50-25.50. Twenty loads Choice and Fancy feeder heifers April delivery, \$27.00; 9 loads Good and Choice 691-750# \$23.25-24.75. Colorado: 15 loads Good and Choice 650-675# feeder steers for immediate to mid-April delivery \$26.50; 14 loads 750-925# \$25.00-25.50; load Medium and Good 675# \$22.90. String of 1,300 Good and Choice 650-675# feeder heifers for immediate to mid-April delivery \$25.00; load 775# \$23.50. Wyoming: Load Good and Choice 325# heifer calves \$30.00; 120 Good and Choice 700-725# feeder steers \$26.50.

Demand Good for slaughter lambs, most sales strong to 50¢ higher. Northern Colorado: 44 loads Choice and mixed Choice and Prime 107-115# woolled lambs \$21.25-22.25, bulk late \$22.00-22.25; 3 loads Choice 116# shorn lambs with No. 1 pelts \$19.75. In the North Platte Valley of Nebraska at least 25 loads Choice and mixed Choice and Prime woolled slaughter lambs \$21.25-22.00.

NEW MEXICO, WEST TEXAS, WESTERN OKLAHOMA, SOUTHWESTERN KANSAS - Clovis Area - Direct trade slaughter steers, heifers and stockers and feeders active, steady to strong, or 50¢-\$1.00 higher for two-week period. Confirmed sales and contracts totaled 70 loads fed steers, 14 loads fed heifers and over 12,700 stockers and feeders. Seventy loads high-Good to average-Choice 700-1200# slaughter steers \$25.00-26.00 and 14 loads Good 750-850# fed heifers \$24.50-25.00, all for current to 30 days delivery. Most stockers and feeders for current to May delivery. About 4,000 Good and Choice 550-700# stocker and feeder steers \$24.50-26.75, 2,000 Medium and Good 750-900# steers \$22.00-23.00. String of over 800 mostly Choice steers for October 15 delivery contracted (with "weight-clause") \$25.00 if under 680#, \$24.50 if 681-700# or \$24.00 if over 700# on delivery. Good and Choice 500-600# heifers \$24.00-24.75. Over 400 Choice stock calves for May 1 delivery to weigh 450# \$33.00 for steers and \$31.00 for heifers; 3,100 Good and Choice 400-475# calves, \$30.00-32.00 on steers and \$27.50-29.50 on heifers. About 15 loads mostly Choice 93-117# slaughter lambs with No. 1 pelts \$19.00-20.00.

Amarillo Area - Direct trade active. Slaughter steers and heifers 25-50¢ higher on confirmed sales of 237 loads fed steers and 4 loads heifers.

Stockers and feeders strong, instances 50¢ higher on heifers and \$1.00 up on calves. Transactions were confirmed on over 30,000 head of stockers and feeders mainly for current to June delivery. Good and Choice fed steers \$24.00-26.50, Standard and Good \$22.50-23.50. Four loads Choice 1000# fed heifers \$25.25. Good and Choice stocker and feeder steers \$24.00-28.00, few Common and Medium \$18.60-22.00; Good and Choice heifers \$21.90-26.00. Same grades of stock calves \$30.00-33.00 for steers and \$27.00-30.00 for heifers. Over 2,700 Good stock cows, some with calves, \$200.00 per cow with calves included; 175 Good bred heifers \$225.00 each.

IDAHO, OREGON AND WASHINGTON - Fed steers steady to strong, fed heifers steady to 25¢ higher; stocker and feeder cattle and calves fully steady to strong; slaughter lambs steady to weak.

Slaughter steers: Washington - Choice 1000-1200# \$25.50-26.50, few \$27.00. Idaho - Choice 950-1150# \$25.50-26.25, bulk \$26.00; Choice 1200-1400# \$24.50-25.00. In the 3 states, Good and Choice 850-900# fed heifers \$23.50-25.00.

Good and Choice fleshy short yearling stockers in Washington, \$26.50 for 600-625# steers and \$24.00 on 550# heifers. Over the three state area Good and Choice 900-1000# feeder steers \$24.00-24.50. String 750# Good and Choice feeder heifers in Oregon \$24.00 for current to April 15 delivery. Good and Choice 450# stock calves in Idaho, \$28.00 on heifers and \$30.00 on steers. Slaughter lambs: Washington - Mostly Choice with No. 2 and 3 pelts \$21.50. Idaho - Mostly Choice 106-107# woolled \$21.50. Oregon - Mostly Choice fall shorn and woolled 100-110# \$22.00-22.50.

MONTANA, NORTHERN WYOMING AND WESTERN DAKOTAS - Demand good for slaughter steers and heifers with prices firm. Stocker and feeder cattle and calves strong to 50¢ higher under broad outlet. Slaughter and shearing lambs moderately active, strong to 50¢ higher.

Four loads Choice 1050-1075# fed steers \$26.00; 825 head Good and Choice 875-975# fed heifers for current to April 1 delivery \$23.00-24.50. Good and Choice 450-540# stock steer calves \$28.00-31.00 with heifer mates \$25.00-27.50; 4 loads Choice short yearling stockers, 650# steers \$28.00 and 600# heifers \$27.00.

Around 4 loads Choice and Prime, mostly Choice, 106-111# woolled slaughter lambs \$20.50-20.75; deck mainly Choice 99# with No. 2 pelts \$19.50; Good and Choice 95-108# shearing lambs \$20.00-20.35.

Near Casper, Wyoming a half million pounds of 1959 ewes wool, mostly fine but estimated 62-67 percent shrinkage brought 39-44½¢ per grease pound landed Boston.

WEEKLY RECEIPTS OF SALABLE LIVESTOCK AT 12 PUBLIC MARKETS

Market	Cattle		Calves		Hogs		Sheep and lambs	
	Mar. 12	Mar. 14	Mar. 12	Mar. 14	Mar. 12	Mar. 14	Mar. 12	Mar. 14
	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959
Chicago	39,613	43,177	173	289	29,462	45,321	4,630	10,215
Cincinnati	3,115	2,811	532	552	13,847	12,204	423	702
Denver	9,175	8,788	404	141	6,290	2,604	22,356	19,293
Fort Worth	6,853	3,881	2,259	1,132	3,235	2,760	12,347	17,123
Indianapolis	5,757	5,584	324	310	40,211	42,790	1,386	1,767
Kansas City	18,920	15,873	700	381	15,562	15,398	7,572	4,972
Oklahoma City	9,687	13,040	715	527	4,455	4,607	1,651	2,480
Omaha	33,705	35,629	422	446	37,316	44,743	11,900	16,140
St. Joseph	14,977	14,093	561	911	21,926	23,982	5,650	3,714
St. Louis NSY	13,931	11,830	1,453	1,441	67,401	60,726	2,745	4,558
Sioux City	27,891	30,305	672	479	29,255	38,204	8,538	7,470
S. St. Paul	20,557	19,184	6,906	6,666	46,858	56,032	8,122	7,093
Total	204,181	204,195	15,121	13,275	315,818	349,371	87,320	95,527
" Mar. 5, 1960.....	195,048		13,805		301,177		84,960	

INTERIOR IOWA AND SOUTHERN MINNESOTA

	Mar. 12, 1960	Mar. 5, 1960	Mar. 14, 1959
Hogs	357,000	354,000	409,000
Sheep	22,700	25,100	24,800

STOCKER AND FEEDER CATTLE: AVERAGE COST, WEIGHT, AND NUMBER

	Week ended			Month		Two months	
	Mar. 10	Mar. 3	Mar. 12	Feb.	Feb.	Jan.-Feb.	
	1960	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959
Steers - 1001# up	1,114	666	1,021	2,708	5,671	5,329	10,570
901-1000	2,675	2,265	1,912	8,058	9,549	16,341	19,943
801-900	3,952	2,670	3,436	12,378	12,213	27,363	27,449
701-800	3,413	3,017	3,729	14,492	13,595	34,747	30,338
501-700	8,272	6,931	10,350	32,316	29,591	68,697	66,263
Total steers 10 markets	19,426	15,549	20,448	69,952	70,619	152,477	154,563
Av. wts. " " "	752#	742#	718#	732#	753#	730#	745#
Av. cost* " " "	\$24.73	\$24.73	\$27.40	\$24.05	\$26.48	\$23.81	\$27.01
" " " Chicago	24.87	24.27	25.88	23.27	25.98	23.37	26.19
" " " Kansas City	24.73	24.82	27.14	23.80	25.97	23.53	26.03
" " " Omaha	24.74	23.46	28.01	23.88	26.61	23.78	27.19
" " " S. St. Paul	23.69	21.62	25.73	22.23	24.64	21.96	24.79
" " " Sioux City	26.39	26.56	29.15	25.52	28.38	25.25	29.01
" " " Denver	25.39	23.69	24.75	23.53	25.70	24.74	28.75
" " " Ft. Worth	24.58	24.16	28.07	23.75	27.44	23.29	27.16
" " " Oklahoma City ...	23.65	24.50	26.36	23.74	26.34	22.82	26.26
" " " S. St. Joseph ...	24.14	23.65	27.12	23.66	26.17	23.39	26.39
" " " St. Louis NSY ...	24.13	23.79	26.11	23.04	25.51	22.82	25.60
Total calves - 10 markets	5,243	4,339	6,804	31,380	26,127	85,972	85,332
" heifers " "	2,596	2,965	3,696	10,381	13,532	21,519	27,545
" cows " "	414	621	664	2,634	3,093	5,515	7,234

* Not adjusted for differences in grade of cattle sold at each market.

ESTIMATED PERCENT OF STOCKER AND FEEDER CATTLE AND SLAUGHTER COWS IN SALABLE RECEIPTS

Week ended	Chicago	Kansas City	Omaha	S. St. Joseph	St. Louis NSY	Sioux City	S. St. Paul	Indianapolis	Denver	Ft. Worth	Oklahoma City	Wichita	San Antonio
Stockers and feeders													
Mar. 11, 1960	2	40	13	16	3	18	8	8	10	60	70	33	50
Mar. 4, 1960	2	33	8	14	4	24	5	8	8	50	44	41	50
Mar. 13, 1959	2	35	13	18	5	24	5	3	7	60	67	50	50
Slaughter cows													
Mar. 11, 1960	6	6	8	4	9	5	22	8	18	20	5	17	15
Mar. 4, 1960	6	6	7	6	9	6	30	9	15	10	6	18	20
Mar. 13, 1959	6	6	6	4	9	5	20	10	10	20	6	15	15

STEERS SOLD OUT OF FIRST HANDS FOR SLAUGHTER 1/								
Grade	Number of head	Percent of total		Average weight		Average price in		
		by grades		(pounds)		dollars per 100 lb.		
	Week ended							
	Mar. 10	Mar. 12	Mar. 10	Mar. 12	Mar. 10	Mar. 12	Mar. 10	Mar. 12
	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959
CHICAGO								
Prime.....	2,306	1,817	7.9	6.2	1,259	1,260	31.03	31.60
Choice.....	13,827	14,974	47.5	51.3	1,220	1,211	28.23	28.90
Good.....	10,960	10,321	37.7	35.4	1,122	1,135	26.17	27.12
Standard.....	1,633	1,758	5.6	6.0	1,026	1,048	23.00	25.49
Commercial.....	6	--	.0	--	1,378	--	21.50	--
Utility.....	369	317	1.3	1.1	1,068	1,064	19.56	22.66
All grades.....	29,101	29,187			1,173	1,176	27.36	28.23
OMAHA								
Prime.....	124	110	.7	.6	1,277	1,223	28.49	30.32
Choice.....	5,555	6,444	32.8	36.5	1,198	1,199	26.97	27.71
Good.....	10,385	10,476	61.3	59.3	1,108	1,121	25.19	26.04
Standard.....	746	468	4.4	2.6	1,075	1,109	20.69	22.89
Utility.....	145	171	.8	1.0	995	1,064	18.70	21.78
All grades.....	16,955	17,669			1,137	1,150	25.60	26.58
SIOUX CITY								
Prime.....	192	86	1.5	.6	1,193	1,232	28.94	29.80
Choice.....	4,053	4,844	31.1	36.6	1,193	1,172	27.03	27.52
Good.....	8,228	7,731	63.1	58.4	1,122	1,142	25.75	26.01
Standard.....	384	398	2.9	3.0	1,097	1,064	21.07	23.67
Utility.....	183	182	1.4	1.4	1,001	1,110	19.38	21.98
All grades.....	13,040	13,241			1,143	1,151	26.00	26.48
KANSAS CITY								
Prime.....	33	--	.5	--	1,148	--	28.61	--
Choice.....	3,062	1,160	44.8	19.6	1,111	1,198	26.15	28.12
Good.....	2,454	3,678	35.9	62.0	1,106	1,100	24.87	26.25
Standard.....	1,180	893	17.3	15.1	1,053	1,068	22.70	24.54
Commercial.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Utility.....	107	198	.5	3.3	997	976	19.15	22.18
All grades.....	6,836	5,929			1,098	1,110	25.03	26.28
ST. LOUIS NSY								
Prime.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice.....	517	930	7.9	18.3	1,078	1,150	27.22	27.44
Good.....	3,860	2,780	59.1	54.6	1,038	1,084	25.44	26.46
Standard.....	1,926	1,271	29.5	25.0	985	1,001	22.84	24.81
Commercial.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Utility.....	232	106	3.5	2.1	893	864	19.75	21.38
All grades.....	6,535	5,087			1,020	1,071	24.67	26.18
S. ST. JOSEPH								
Prime.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice.....	2,081	2,396	29.1	31.9	1,138	1,165	26.69	27.37
Good.....	4,530	4,703	63.4	62.7	1,082	1,107	24.98	25.88
Standard.....	504	370	7.0	4.9	1,082	1,064	20.76	23.16
Utility.....	33	39	.5	.5	981	956	18.95	21.49
All grades.....	7,148	7,508			1,098	1,123	25.18	26.23
DENVER								
Prime.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice.....	1,682	1,670	59.1	47.9	1,199	1,224	26.31	27.49
Good.....	1,066	1,792	37.5	51.3	1,108	1,140	25.00	26.46
Standard.....	86	28	3.0	.8	1,101	952	20.38	21.36
Utility.....	10	--	.4	--	827	--	16.50	--
All grades.....	2,844	3,490			1,161	1,179	25.65	26.94

1/ Data collected by Agricultural Estimates, and Livestock Divisions, A.M.S.

WEEKLY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION AT MAJOR CENTERS

City or Area	Cattle		Calves		Hogs		Sheep and lambs	
	Mar. 12	Mar. 14	Mar. 12	Mar. 14	Mar. 12	Mar. 14	Mar. 12	Mar. 14
	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959
Boston, New York City Area...	12,132	10,976	8,276	9,668	49,345	48,919	37,474	37,142
Baltimore, Philadelphia.....	7,780	7,559	2,695	774	26,057	34,345	4,178	3,319
Cin., Cleve., Detroit, Indpls...	17,040	16,085	3,307	5,060	137,805	129,799	10,750	14,019
Chicago Area.....	15,907	22,406	6,487	6,452	32,309	51,752	2,367	4,654
St. Paul-Wisc. Areas.....	27,261	25,480	22,822	20,595	113,496	118,997	12,536	13,747
St. Louis Area.....	10,474	10,029	1,204	1,476	84,961	95,855	4,072	4,760
Sioux City-So. Dakota Area...	21,410	19,622	--	--	78,275	92,615	14,875	17,047
Omaha Area.....	32,535	32,386	150	108	76,172	91,470	12,442	14,730
Kansas City.....	13,345	10,566	--	--	39,579	36,772	--	--
Iowa - So. Minnesota.....	27,563	28,538	9,080	8,754	277,361	328,818	27,195	28,150
Lou'1.Evan'1.Nash'1.Mph's....	5,496	6,436	2,614	3,706	64,502	60,652	--	--
Georgia, Florida, Ala. Area...	6,899	5,906	2,505	1,640	30,575	29,325	--	--
St. Jo'ph.Wichita, Okla.City.	18,747	17,104	1,150	947	45,545	48,609	7,767	8,186
Ft.Worth,Dallas,San Antonio..	9,106	7,962	4,027	3,944	19,621	23,850	13,757	14,935
Denver,Ogden,Salt Lake City..	19,330	16,463	260	273	18,354	15,044	28,931	34,304
Los Angeles, San Fran. Areas.	27,042	22,158	1,431	2,087	25,890	28,115	32,566	28,418
Portland, Seattle, Spokane...	6,920	5,945	313	229	17,360	15,987	3,748	4,809
Total.....	278,987	265,621	66,321	65,713	1,137,207	1,250,924	212,658	228,220
Accumulation to date.....	2,994,182		692,550		12,744,752		2,481,736	
		2,701,161		702,726		12,438,552		2,501,912

ESTIMATED FEDERALLY INSPECTED SLAUGHTER AND MEAT PRODUCTION

Week ended	Beef		Veal		Pork (excl. lard)		Lamb and mutton		Total meat	Total lard
	Num.	Prod.	Num.	Prod.	Num.	Prod.	Num.	Prod.	prod.	prod.
	ber	1,000 mil.lb.	ber	1,000 mil.lb.	ber	1,000 mil.lb.	ber	1,000 mil.lb.	mil.lb.	mil.lb.
Mar. 12, 1960.....	335	202.3	92	9.7	1,300	173.4	235	12.0	397.4	--
Mar. 5, 1960.....	345	208.4	92	9.8	1,325	176.8	245	12.5	407.5	--
Feb. 27, 1960 1/.....	317	--	98	--	1,285	--	233	--	--	36.4
Mar. 14, 1959 1/.....	319	195.4	95	9.9	1,421	190.8	263	13.3	409.4	45.8
Percentage change from:										
Mar. 5, 1960.....	-3	-3	0	-1	-2	-2	-4	-4	-2	--
Mar. 14, 1959.....	5	4	-3	-2	-9	-9	-11	-10	-3	--
=====										
Week ended	Cattle		Calves		Hogs 2/		Sheep and lambs		Lard yield	
	Live	Dressed	Live	Dressed	Live	Dressed	Live	Dressed	per	100 lb.
	1050	604	185	105	232	133	105	51	--	--
Mar. 12, 1960.....	1050	604	185	105	232	133	105	51	--	--
Mar. 5, 1960.....	1055	601	200	113	230	133	105	51	--	--
Feb. 27, 1960.....	1064	613	185	104	235	134	105	51	13.7	--

1/ Actual slaughter. 2/ Excludes lard.

CATTLE: WEEKLY AVERAGE OF DAILY QUOTATIONS
In dollars per 100 pounds

Classification	Chicago		Kansas City		Omaha		Denver		North Portland	
	Mar.	Mar.	Mar.	Mar.	Mar.	Mar.	Mar.	Mar.	Mar.	Mar.
	12	14	12	14	12	14	12	14	12	14
	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959
<u>Slaughter cattle, calves and vealers</u>										
Steers -										
Prime 900-1100#	30.75	31.55	--	--	29.62	30.98	--	--	--	--
1100-1300	31.25	32.02	--	--	29.50	30.95	--	--	--	--
Choice 900-1100	28.78	29.75	27.00	29.10	27.90	28.95	26.50	27.72	27.25	27.72
1100-1300	28.82	29.60	26.88	28.95	27.68	28.80	26.45	27.48	26.88	27.28
Good 900-1100	25.92	27.10	24.90	26.62	24.60	25.95	23.50	25.22	25.50	26.75
Standard - All wts.	22.58	24.85	21.78	24.48	21.08	23.55	19.75	21.50	22.50	24.88
Heifers -										
Choice* 700-900#	27.40	28.10	26.12	28.20	27.00	27.52	25.88	26.85	--	--
Good** 600-800	--	25.95	24.15	26.30	24.18	24.70	22.80	24.50	24.25	25.62
Standard - All wts.	21.50	23.45	21.52	24.00	20.38	22.18	19.15	21.25	21.50	24.00
Cows - All weights -										
Commercial	17.48	20.08	18.00	20.25	17.80	19.45	18.05	20.55	18.50	20.50
Utility	17.12	19.00	16.80	18.95	16.78	18.38	16.72	19.34	17.00	18.75
Cutter	16.35)		15.50)		15.60)		15.42)		14.62)	
Canner	14.78)	17.65	13.88)	16.75	14.58)	16.55	14.35)	17.22	12.50)	16.00
Bulls - All weights -										
Commercial	22.38	24.50	20.45	21.88	21.12	21.62	--	22.75	21.12	22.75
Utility	21.90	23.28	20.20	21.25	20.85	20.25	20.45	23.10	21.81	24.00
Calves - 500# down -										
Choice	--	--	27.00	26.80	--	--	--	--	28.50	--
Good	--	--	24.50	25.80	--	--	--	--	25.75	27.50
Standard	--	--	21.75	23.50	--	--	--	--	22.50	25.00
Vealers - All wts. -										
Choice	33.00	--	29.00	32.00	27.00	31.50	--	--	32.50	34.50
Good	31.00	32.90	26.25	30.50	24.50	28.50	--	--	29.50	31.75
Standard	26.50	28.90	23.00	27.00	21.00	26.00	--	--	25.00	27.50
<u>Feeder and stocker cattle and calves</u>										
Steers -										
Choice 500-800#	29.00	31.15	28.75	31.00	28.00	31.00	26.75	30.00	25.25	28.75
Good 500-800	26.25	28.15	25.75	28.25	25.12	26.62	24.50	27.25	23.50	26.75
Medium 500-1000	23.00	25.25	21.75	25.25	21.25	23.62	21.50	24.00	20.50	23.75
Heifers -										
Choice 500-750#	--	--	25.50	28.00	25.00	27.75	24.45	26.90	23.75	27.25
Med. & Gd. 500-750	--	--	21.75	24.50	21.75	23.75	22.00	24.00	20.50	24.25
Cows - All wts. -										
Med. & Gd.	--	--	17.25	19.25	15.25	18.75	16.75	18.90	15.50	--
Calves - 300-500# -										
Steers -										
Good & Choice	--	--	30.50	33.50	30.50	34.50	30.50	35.50	28.00	31.00
Heifers -										
Good & Choice	--	--	27.25	31.00	27.00	32.25	28.25	32.50	25.50	28.50

*Weight range 600-800# in 1959.

** " " 700-900# " "

HOGS: WEEKLY AVERAGE OF DAILY QUOTATIONS

In dollars per 100 pounds

Classification	Chicago		Interior		St. Louis		Omaha		Indianapolis		St. Joseph		Kansas City		Peoria	
	Mar.		Mar.		Mar.		Mar.		Mar.		Mar.		Mar.		Mar.	
	12	14	12	14	12	14	12	14	12	14	12	14	12	14	12	14
Barrows and gilts -																
U. S. No. 1 & 2																
180-200#	15.33	16.15	--	--	15.86	16.50	15.52	16.02	15.79	16.62	16.03	16.18	16.05	--	15.42	16.22
200-220	15.84	16.45	--	--	15.86	16.52	16.41	16.32	15.82	16.62	16.36	16.32	16.10	16.44	15.58	16.25
220-240	15.74	16.32	--	--	15.82	16.36	16.38	16.29	15.76	16.42	16.33	16.19	16.04	16.44	15.50	15.98
U. S. No. 2 & 3																
200-220	15.50	16.19	--	--	15.50	16.11	15.80	15.92	15.54	16.09	15.80	15.70	15.66	15.98	15.22	15.95
220-240	15.48	16.08	--	--	15.42	15.98	15.80	15.92	15.46	16.09	15.82	15.70	15.66	15.97	15.27	15.72
240-270	15.36	15.90	--	--	15.10	15.58	15.60	15.58	15.22	15.74	15.74	15.50	15.48	15.65	14.80	15.30
U. S. No. 1, 2 & 3																
180-200	15.10	15.99	14.90	14.83	15.61	16.28	15.15	15.80	15.52	16.31	15.67	15.88	15.58	15.70	15.22	16.08
200-220	15.68	16.33	15.38	15.33	15.58	16.20	16.16	16.10	15.60	16.32	15.94	16.02	15.88	16.13	15.38	16.12
220-240	15.62	16.23	15.20	15.19	15.48	16.05	16.16	16.05	15.55	16.28	15.97	15.98	15.88	16.06	15.32	15.85
240-270	15.48	16.00	14.80	14.88	15.20	15.75	15.75	15.70	15.28	15.88	15.80	15.70	15.65	15.91	15.08	15.42
Sows - U.S.1,2 & 3																
270-330	--	14.06	14.08	14.05	14.48	14.75	14.75	14.70	14.08	14.42	14.24	14.95	14.12	14.35	13.65	13.98
330-400	13.75	14.02	13.57	13.58	13.88	14.20	14.48	14.40	13.82	14.02	14.00	14.50	14.00	14.10	13.25	13.50
400-550	13.22	13.32	12.78	12.83	13.48	13.75	14.08	13.88	13.52	13.58	13.92	13.98	14.00	13.70	12.90	12.88
Classification	South		Sioux City		Sioux Falls		Cincinnati		Fort Worth		Thomasville		Baltimore		North	
Barrows and gilts -	St. Paul														Portland	
U. S. No. 1 & 2																
180-200#	16.05	16.38	15.82	16.24	--	--	15.55	16.56	--	--	14.80	16.18	17.00	17.47	17.62	18.22
200-220	16.42	16.40	16.37	16.42	16.12	16.25	15.68	16.58	--	--	14.80	16.18	17.06	17.47	17.62	18.25
220-240	16.42	16.25	16.33	16.30	16.12	16.02	15.53	16.21	--	--	14.80	16.18	--	--	17.12	18.09
U. S. No. 2 & 3																
200-220	15.90	15.58	16.08	16.04	15.88	15.98	15.56	16.42	14.91	16.34	14.20	15.68	--	--	16.94	17.59
220-240	15.90	15.58	16.06	15.98	15.88	15.95	15.46	16.17	14.75	16.31	14.20	15.68	--	--	16.94	17.50
240-270	15.75	15.28	15.86	15.62	15.72	15.48	14.99	15.54	14.47	15.84	13.68	15.00	16.12	16.50	16.12	16.95
U. S. No. 1, 2 & 3																
180-200	15.70	15.50	15.82	16.12	--	--	15.44	16.42	--	--	14.30	15.82	16.79	17.25	--	17.69
200-220	15.92	15.72	16.18	16.18	16.08	16.02	15.56	16.42	14.88	16.41	14.30	15.82	16.83	17.25	--	17.69
220-240	15.92	15.60	16.14	16.11	16.08	15.98	15.42	16.17	14.84	16.31	14.30	15.82	16.75	--	--	17.56
240-270	15.80	--	15.96	15.79	15.88	15.48	15.11	15.54	14.56	15.88	--	--	--	--	--	--
Sows - U.S.1, 2 & 3																
270-330	14.38	14.12	--	14.52	14.40	13.85	13.75	13.94	13.12	13.75	10.68	13.26	13.00	--	13.75	16.00
330-400	14.25	13.70	14.30	14.25	14.18	13.68	13.60	13.78	12.59	13.62	10.30	12.62	12.50	--	13.00	15.00
400-550	13.78	13.00	14.10	13.68	13.72	13.02	13.18	13.40	11.91	13.00	9.55	11.62	11.50	--	12.00	13.75
Feeder pigs - All wts.																
Good and Choice	13.70	14.55	--	--	--	--	12.68	14.83	--	--	--	--	--	--	14.38	--

HOGS: AVERAGE COST, WEIGHT, AND NUMBER OF PACKER AND SHIPPER PURCHASES 1/

Week ended		Chi- cago	St. Louis Natl. Stock Yards	Kan- sas City	Omaha	Sioux City	S. St. Joseph	S. St. Paul	Indian- apolis	8- mkts. com- bined
AVERAGE COST -		Dollars per 100 pounds								
Barrows and gilts	Mar. 12, 1960	15.38	15.28	15.60	15.85	15.79	15.77	15.82	15.46	15.58
	Mar. 5, 1960	14.52	14.30	14.58	14.63	14.62	14.63	14.45	14.68	14.52
	Mar. 14, 1959	15.97	15.95	15.93	15.59	15.68	15.85	15.44	16.18	15.81
Sows	Mar. 12, 1960	13.32	13.64	13.95	14.10	13.89	13.95	13.89	13.43	13.73
	Mar. 5, 1960	12.43	12.73	13.01	13.09	12.93	12.91	12.77	12.63	12.80
	Mar. 14, 1959	13.45	13.81	13.95	13.82	13.66	14.39	13.34	13.61	13.67
AVERAGE WEIGHT -		Pounds								
Barrows and gilts	Mar. 12, 1960	235	217	224	235	241	224	232	222	227
	Mar. 5, 1960	230	215	225	237	239	225	230	223	227
	Mar. 14, 1959	235	219	225	238	240	226	232	222	229
Sows	Mar. 12, 1960	451	401	404	430	445	392	420	439	426
	Mar. 5, 1960	447	393	417	430	436	401	419	437	423
	Mar. 14, 1959	438	417	424	424	435	386	415	421	423
NUMBER OF HEAD -										
Barrows and gilts	Mar. 12, 1960	23367	62548	14259	31679	25447	19475	36519	35817	249111
	Mar. 5, 1960	27299	52284	13412	34810	27101	20543	38413	26143	240005
	Mar. 14, 1959	37664	57718	14323	38813	33555	20714	44377	38691	285855
Sows	Mar. 12, 1960	2534	3002	817	3139	1848	1142	2241	2599	17322
	Mar. 5, 1960	2540	2972	641	3650	1937	1315	2486	1969	17510
	Mar. 14, 1959	3215	3113	759	3972	2819	1075	3414	1783	20150
SOWS		Percentage of total								
Mar. 12, 1960		10	5	5	9	7	6	6	7	7
Mar. 5, 1960		9	5	5	9	7	6	6	7	7
Mar. 14, 1959		8	5	5	9	8	5	7	4	7

1/ Weighted average.

WEEKLY AVERAGE WHOLESALE VALUE OF HOG PRODUCTS DERIVED FROM 100 LB. LIVE HOG, COMPARED WITH PRICES OF LIVE HOGS, CHICAGO

	Hog products 1/	Hog prices 2/	Gross spread or margin 3/
Mar. 12, 1960	\$17.43	\$15.68	\$1.75
Mar. 5, 1960	16.54	14.83	1.71
Mar. 14, 1959	18.10	16.33	1.77

1/ Value of all edible products, fresh basis (lard rendered) in 100 lb. of live hog computed from wholesale prices on carlot basis, Chicago, reported by National Provisioner daily market report.

2/ Mean of daily quotations on U. S. No. 1, 2 and 3 hogs, 200-220# wt. Chicago.

3/ Difference between wholesale product value and hog prices.

HOG AND CORN PRICES AT CHICAGO AND HOG-CORN PRICE RATIO

Week ended	Barrows and gilts Dollars per 100 pounds	Corn, 1/ No. 3, yellow Cents per bushel	Hog-corn price ratio based on barrows and gilts
Mar. 12, 1960	15.38	113.8	13.5
Mar. 5, 1960	14.52	112.6	12.9
Mar. 14, 1959	15.97	119.8	13.3

1/ Simple average price.

SHEEP AND LAMBS: WEEKLY AVERAGE OF DAILY QUOTATIONS
In dollars per 100 pounds

Classification		Chicago	Omaha	Kansas City	Fort Worth	Denver	Ogden	North Port-land
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: (Wooled) - All wts.								
Prime	Mar. 12, 1960	22.75	22.72	22.28	20.00	22.04	21.35	22.38
	Mar. 14, 1959	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice	Mar. 12, 1960	22.38	21.95	21.28	19.25	21.39	21.10	22.00
	Mar. 14, 1959	21.38	20.70	20.30	18.65	20.40	18.50	19.00
Good	Mar. 12, 1960	21.75	20.88	20.15	18.88	20.45	20.05	21.50
	Mar. 14, 1959	21.25	19.88	19.72	18.15	19.40	17.88	18.56
EWES (Wooled) - All wts.								
Good and	Mar. 12, 1960	7.50	6.50	6.50	--	7.50	6.50	7.75
Choice	Mar. 14, 1959	8.05	8.12	6.88	--	9.00	6.75	8.25
Cull and	Mar. 12, 1960	6.45	5.15	5.50	7.55*	5.62	4.50	5.75
Utility	Mar. 14, 1959	7.30	6.25	5.12	--	6.12	4.25	5.75
FEEDER LAMBS - All wts.								
Good and	Mar. 12, 1960	--	19.55	--	18.42	20.60	--	18.75
Choice	Mar. 14, 1959	--	19.38	--	17.65	19.12	--	16.00

* Shorn basis.

**LIVESTOCK PRICES AT CHICAGO COMPARED WITH WHOLESALE AND COMPOSITE RETAIL
MEAT PRICES AND WHOLESALE AND RETAIL MEAT VALUES AT NEW YORK**

	Steers			Lambs			Hogs		
	Feb. 1960	Jan. 1960	Feb. 1959	Feb. 1960	Jan. 1960	Feb. 1959	Feb. 1960	Jan. 1960	Feb. 1959
<u>Dollars per 100 pounds</u>									
Live animal prices									
Chicago 1/	27.87	27.32	29.72	21.05	19.90	19.48	13.86	12.61	15.95
Wholesale meat prices,									
New York 2/	46.52	46.34	49.03	41.88	42.16	42.16	--	--	--
<u>Cents per pound</u>									
Composite retail meat									
prices, New York 3/	76.31	77.04	79.82	64.91	63.92	63.75	--	--	--
<u>Value of carcass meat from 100# live animal (Dollars)</u>									
Wholesale-New York 4/	27.91	27.80	29.42	20.52	20.66	20.66	17.73	17.45	20.97
Retail - New York 5/	35.87	36.21	37.52	30.64	30.17	30.09	23.84	24.24	28.17

1/ Av. Choice and Prime steers, 900-1100 lb., Choice lambs, and U. S. No. 1-3, 220-240# hogs. 2/ Av. Choice and Prime steer beef, 600-800 lb., and Choice and Prime lamb. 3/ Composite av. of semi-monthly retail quotations on various cuts (incl. lard) combined in proportion to their respective yields from live weight. 4/ 60 lb. of beef carcass, 49 lb. of lamb carcass and 60.43 lb. of principal hog products consisting of smoked, skinned hams, bacon, picnics, fresh loins, Boston butts, spareribs, and carton lard combined in proportion to their respective yields from live weight. 5/ 47.0 lb. of beef cuts, 47.2 lb. of lamb cuts and 58.56 lb. of principal hog products, incl. lard.

WHOLESALE MEAT TRADE REVIEWS

LESS THAN CARLOT MEAT TRADE REVIEWS

EASTERN SEABOARD - Weather played an important role in the meat trade at eastern consuming centers for the second consecutive week. Hazardous residential streets from the previous week's storm tended to curtail retail movement early in the week and some areas received more snow during the week in review which also tended to retard movement. This affected the wholesale trading somewhat, however, clearance at wholesale levels was fairly good as receipts were generally moderate.

Pork moved best, and at New York a small volume of loins was marketed from freezer stocks. Demand for lamb centered mainly on 35-50# carcasses with some 60-65# carcasses and hindsaddles from these weight carcasses carried over at New York. Outlet for veal and calf narrowed somewhat and was only fair but generally sufficient to clear slightly reduced receipts. Trading was moderately active on beef. Prices generally followed a steady to higher trend with downturns confined to veal and calf at New York.

Compared with the previous week: Steer beef fully steady to \$1.00 higher at Baltimore and Washington and steady to 50¢ higher at Philadelphia. Prime steer beef closed steady to strong at New York, Choice steady to weak and Good steady. Cow beef steady to weak at New York and steady to \$2.00 higher at other markets. Veal and calf prices were mostly unchanged except at New York where sales on veal were mainly steady to \$1.00 lower, and calf steady to mostly \$1.00 lower. Lamb prices steady to \$3.00 higher, bulk \$1.00-3.00 up. Pork loins advanced \$3.00-6.50, with the full upturn late at New York. Other pork cuts sold steady to \$2.00 higher, with Boston butts and fresh skinned hams showing the advance. Kosher dressed steer beef forequarters sold \$1.00 higher, veal foresaddles steady to \$4.00 higher, and kosher lamb foresaddles advanced \$1.00-2.00.

CHICAGO - Trading on steer and heifer beef was moderately active. Fair demand prevailed for beef rounds, ribs and loins, but demand was poor for arm and squarecut chucks until late Wednesday when most interests entered the trade. All grades of beef ribs and loins sold higher with Prime showing most advance. Small receipts of cow beef sold higher, while veal prices went unchanged in a dull trade. Upturns on lamb sent prices to the highest level since late September 1959, this the fifth straight

week in which advances have been recorded. Lamb stews, shoulders, ribs and loins had adequate outlets while hindsaddles and legs were very slow and accumulations were noted. Demand was good for fresh pork. Veal in rather small supply, other fresh meat offerings moderate with Good to average-Choice grades comprising the bulk in the beef division.

Compared to the previous Friday: Steer and heifer beef steady to 50¢ higher; cow beef 50¢-\$1.00 higher; veal steady; lamb 50¢-\$1.00 higher; pork loins 8-16# \$3.00-4.50 higher; Boston butts 4-8# \$1.00-2.50 higher; spare-ribs 3# down 50¢-\$1.00 higher.

PACIFIC COAST - Beef receipts were rather small in the Pacific Northwest and trading was fairly active while supplies were moderate in California. There was some carryover at Los Angeles due to poor demand. Cow beef supplies continued moderate while calf and veal was about adequate except for some accumulation of calf over 200# at Los Angeles. Lamb was fully adequate for a fair demand while volume of fresh pork was moderate for a fairly active trade. Cured pork supplies were rather liberal.

Prices compared to the previous week's close: Steer beef strong to \$1.00 higher; cow beef steady to \$2.00 higher except weak to \$1.00 lower at Los Angeles; calf and veal mostly steady except calf \$1.00-2.00 lower at Los Angeles; lamb steady with some sales \$1.00 lower at Los Angeles but \$1.00 higher at Portland; fresh and cured pork steady to \$2.00 higher; lard about steady.

CARLOT MEAT TRADE REVIEWS

Trading on steer and heifer beef was uneven with a moderately active trade at Chicago and Denver but slow at other points. Cow beef and lamb carcasses sold moderately active at most points and trading on pork loins was active. Steer and heifer beef closed steady to 50¢ higher at Chicago for the week with steer beef elsewhere steady to 50¢ lower, least decline on carcasses 800-900#. Heifer beef closed mostly steady. Cow beef sold strong to \$1.75 higher mostly 50¢-\$1.00 up. Lamb carcasses advanced for the sixth straight week with closing sales steady to \$2.00 higher mostly 50¢-\$1.00 up, with the most advance on carcasses 35-45#. Pork loins were sharply higher selling mostly \$3.00-6.00 higher.

WHOLESALE DRESSED MEAT PRICES - LESS THAN CARLOT BASIS
Weekly average of daily quotations in dollars per 100 pounds

Classification		New York		Chicago		San Francisco		Los Angeles	
		Mar.12	Mar.14	Mar.12	Mar.14	Mar.12	Mar.14	Mar.12	Mar.14
		1960	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959
Steer beef -									
Prime	700-800#	48.00	50.80	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice	600-700	47.50	49.05	46.00	47.00	44.38	45.75	44.25	46.50
	700-800	46.25	47.90	44.75	45.60	43.00	44.50	42.50	44.75
Good	500-600	44.00	45.30	42.75	43.44	43.50	44.50	43.00	45.00
	600-700	44.50	45.65	42.75	43.44	42.00	44.00	40.62	43.00
Heifer beef -									
Choice	500-600#	--	--	44.50	--	43.50	--	43.25	--
	600-700	--	--	44.50	--	42.50	--	42.12	--
Good	500-600	--	--	41.50	--	--	--	42.00	--
Veal -									
Prime	90-120#	64.50	62.10	58.50	56.50	--	--	--	--
Choice	90-120	55.50	52.80	53.50	49.50	--	--	--	--
Good	90-120	50.00	47.80	50.00	46.75	55.00	55.00	--	--
Lamb -									
Prime	45-55#	46.40	44.00	44.38	43.00	44.50	--	42.00	40.00
Choice	45-55	44.40	42.85	44.38	42.00	44.50	42.00	42.00	40.00
Fresh pork -									
Loins	8-12#	46.05	42.50	43.65	39.62	48.00	44.00	44.88	43.40
Butts	4-8	34.10	37.30	30.45	33.44	37.50	40.00	35.38	35.20
Spareribs	3# down	39.75	40.50	36.30	35.56	43.00	45.00	41.38	41.50
Cured pork -									
Hams, smk. skd. -(Cook before eating)	12-16#	43.50	49.50	50.25	51.25	50.00	53.50	48.62	51.00
Bacon, smoked, sliced - 1# package (box lots)		38.00	44.00	44.75	49.00	45.00	49.00	46.25	50.10
Picnics, smoked -(Cook before eating)	4-8#	29.70	32.00	33.50	33.88	30.00	33.50	31.62	35.40
Lard, 1# carton		12.62	13.50	12.50	13.00	15.50	16.50	14.75	14.95

BULK PRICES - CARLOT BASIS - WEEK ENDED MARCH 11, 1960

Classification		Prices paid F.O.B.			Prices delivered	
		Chicago	Denver	Omaha	New York	Philadelphia
Steer beef -						
Choice	600-700#	43.50-44.50	43.00-43.50	42.75-43.75	45.50-47.00	46.00-46.50
	700-800	43.00-43.50	42.00-42.50	42.25-42.75	45.00-45.50	45.00-46.00
	800-900	42.50-43.00	41.00-41.50	41.75	44.00-45.00	44.00-44.50
Good	500-600	41.00-41.50	--	--	43.50-44.00	43.00-43.50
	600-700	41.00-41.50	--	40.00-40.50	42.50-43.50	42.50-43.50
	700-800	40.50-41.00	37.00-40.00	39.50-40.25	42.00-43.00	42.00-43.00
Heifer beef -						
Choice	500-600#	43.00-43.50	41.75-43.50	42.00-42.50	--	--
	600-700	43.00-43.50	41.50-41.75	42.00-42.50	--	45.00-46.00
Good	500-600	39.50-40.00	--	38.50-39.00	--	--
	600-700	39.50-40.00	--	38.50	--	--
Cow beef - All weights -						
Utility		32.50-33.00	32.25-32.50	31.50-32.00	34.00-34.50	34.00-34.50
Canner and Cutter		33.00-33.50	--	32.00-32.50	--	34.50-34.75
Lamb -						
Prime	35-45#	--	--	--	--	45.50-46.50
	45-55	--	40.50-41.75	--	--	43.50-45.00
	55-65	--	38.00-39.00	--	--	42.00-43.50
Choice	35-45	44.00-44.50	--	43.75-44.75	46.00-47.50	45.50-46.50
	45-55	42.50-43.50	40.50-41.75	41.25-42.75	44.00-45.50	43.50-45.00
	55-65	41.50-42.00	38.00-39.00	39.75	42.00-43.50	42.00-43.50
Fresh pork -						
Loins	8-12#	42.00-42.50	--	42.00-42.50	43.00-44.00	43.50-44.00

BOSTON WOOL MARKET REVIEW

Trading in the Boston wool market continued slow with prices about steady. Demand continued good for graded quarter-blood fleece wools but little was offered. Trading of scoured wools and noils for the woolen trade was slow but prices were unchanged. Activity in the fleece wool States was dull due to another heavy snow-fall at midweek while a little wool sold in the Belle Fourche area of South Dakota. Some 8 and 12 months fall wool sold in Texas. Shearing was under way around Bakersfield, California.

Cabled reports at midweek showed price trends at Australian markets firm with Japan and the Continent the principal operators and good general competition. There was limited competition with Continental buyers dominating at the Launceston, Tasmania sale. At the Dunedin, New Zealand sale March 4, Eastern Europe and Continental buyers were active with Bradford buying fine medium and coarse cross-bred wools, while at Timaru on March 8 trading was active with Eastern Europe and the Continent dominating. Large French houses were the chief operators in the South African sales with the United States and the Continent competing and with general competition. The South American markets were generally quiet with United States buyers operating in coarse Argentine wools.

Fleece Wools - Country buyers were paying around 50¢ grease basis to the grower for medium fleece wools in Ohio, while 47-50¢ in the grease was paid for medium grades in Indiana and 45¢ was paid for heavy shrinking medium wools.

Territory Wools - Original bag bulk fine and half-blood 1959 clips sold around Casper, Wyoming from 39-42¢ grease basis to the grower while other bulk fine and half-blood clips brought up to 44¢ in the grease. Original bag bulk fine wool sold in Arizona from 40-45¢ in the grease, while mixed lambs wool brought 43-45¢ in the grease in Colorado. Shearing around the Roswell, New Mexico area was delayed due to stormy weather.

Texas Wools - With weather clearing and temperature rising in Texas, shearing resumed and good 12 months wool in original bag sold at an estimated clean cost of \$1.20 delivered Boston. Fall wool brought around 38-40¢ grease basis in Del Rio and was estimated to cost about 90¢ clean basis delivered, while 8 months wool in San Angelo from 41½-46½¢ in the grease was estimated to cost clean around \$1.00 delivered Boston.

Mohair - Trading very slow, few sales steady at \$1.01½ for adult and \$1.31½ for kid hair to the warehouse.

Foreign Wools - Quotations at week's end from foreign wool markets follow. Combing wools converted to clean U. S. oil-combed yields and short wools to scouring yields in bond.

Australia		New Zealand	
Oil-combed		Oil-combed	
72 -	\$1.15	65 -	\$1.04
72A -	1.13	72 -	1.02
73 -	1.11	79 -	1.01
74 -	1.09	86 -	.98
		93 -	.92
		834 -	\$.89
		100 -	.88
		107 -	.86
		114 -	.85
		128 -	.84

South Africa			
Oil-combed		Scoured yields	
7 -	\$1.15	48 -	\$1.10
12 -	1.12	52 -	1.10
17 -	1.11	53 -	1.07
47 -	1.12	32 -	1.01

Montevideo (Clean basis): 60/64s - \$1.03; 60s - 99½¢; 60/58s - 96½¢; 56/58s - 94¢; 50/56s - 92¢; 50s - 91¢.

Carpet Wools - Trade in carpet wools was slow at about last week's prices. New Zealand carpet fleeces were offered for shipment at 84¢, Cotts at 82¢, early shorn wool also at 82¢ and crutchings at 80¢, clean fibers present. Buenos Aires November second clips were quoted at 84¢ and March wool at 82¢, clean fibers present for shipment.

Woolen Wools - Sales follow:

	Scoured	Pulled	Domestic
64s	1½-2½"	choice white	\$1.31
60s	2-3"	paint wool	.98
58/60s	3" & up	ch. white	1.23
58/60s	3" & up	tinged	1.18
56/58s	3" & up	ch. white	1.15

Greasy Pulled Domestic	
56/58s	3" & up choice \$1.12 clean
56s	3-4" lt.defect-burly 1.10 "

Scoured Pulled Foreign	
N. Z.	56/50s 2½-3" ch.white \$1.15

CLOSING FUTURES QUOTATIONS - Mar. 10, 1960 (Furnished by the Wool Associates of the New York Cotton Exchange).

March wool tops	\$1.480
March wool	1.232
May wool tops	1.500
May wool	1.201

EARLY LAMB CROP 1960

The number of early lambs in the principal early lamb producing States is about 2 percent above a year earlier based on reports about March 1, according to the Crop Reporting Board. The number of breeding ewes in these States on January 1, 1960 was 5 percent more than a year earlier, but the proportion of ewes lambing early is below a year ago. The number of breeding ewes on farms and ranches January 1 was above the previous year in 7 of the 10 States. Declines were shown in Missouri, Kentucky, and Tennessee. The 10 important early lamb States are Missouri, Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, Idaho, Arizona, Washington, Oregon, California, and Texas.

In general, the growth and development of early lambs has been slower than normal. Feed grain and hay supplies have been generally adequate in the early lamb States.

Weather was generally favorable in January, but weather during the latter part of February was unfavorable, particularly in Missouri, Kentucky, Virginia, and Tennessee due to heavy snows and severe winter storms.

Considerable supplemental feeding has been necessary in most of the early lamb States.

Texas: Present indications point to a larger early lamb crop due to an increase of 9 percent in ewes as of January 1. The percent of total ewes lambing prior to March 1 was about the same as a year earlier. Unusually cold, wet weather after mid-February has slowed development. Excellent range feed is in prospect since moisture is plentiful. Early movement of lambs is below last year. Peak marketings are expected about the usual time in early May.

California: The early lamb crop in California is expected to be larger than a year earlier due to a 6 percent larger inventory of ewes on January 1. Breeding ewes were kept in good condition by supplemental feeding. The lack of rainfall until late January delayed green pasture feed and early lambs have not grown out well. Colder than normal temperatures, particularly in the Sacramento Valley and the North Coastal areas have been unfavorable for development of early lambs. Rains during February have provided some new feed, but supplemental feeding is still required.

Arizona: The early lamb crop started under favorable conditions, although the season has been wetter than usual. Fall lambs have made good growth and marketings are expected to start by mid-March.

Northwestern States: The early lamb crop in the three important Northwestern States is expected to be above last year. On January 1, ewes were 2 percent above a year earlier and the percent of ewes lambing early was above last year. The fall and early winter weather was favorable for lambing. Death losses have not been heavy. Idaho: The early lamb crop is making good progress. Ewes went into the winter in good condition. The winter was cold, but otherwise excellent for lambing. Feed supplies are ample, although the winter feeding period has been longer than usual due to cold weather. Washington: The winter was generally mild and open, and weather conditions for early lambing were mostly favorable. Precipitation east of the Cascades was below normal, contributing to a low death loss. Supplemental feeding was necessary, but hay and feed supplies were adequate. Lambing was earlier than usual. Oregon: Heavy snow east of the Cascades hampered grazing conditions during February. In the Willamette Valley conditions were fair, with some grazing available. Despite snow and rain, early lambs made good growth and death loss was below normal.

Southeastern States: The early lamb crop will be below last year in the three Southeastern States. Ewe numbers on January 1 were below the previous year in Kentucky and Tennessee, but were up in Virginia. The lambing percentage was below a year earlier in all three States. The number of ewes lambing early is also below last year. In Kentucky the early winter weather was mild with very little cold weather until February. Sheep were on permanent pasture and small grain pasture through most of January. Tennessee, however, had little winter pasture available due to wet fields, snow cover, and limited plant growth. Growers have ample supplies of hay and grain. Marketings are expected to be later than a year ago. In Virginia the season through the middle of February was favorable for growth and development of the early crop. Winter pastures were above normal. Lambing was later than usual.

In Missouri the early lamb crop is expected to be larger than last year. The number of ewes on January 1 was below a year earlier, but this was more than offset by a larger number of ewes lambing early. Weather during February was wet, cold, and snowy. Feed requirements have been high, but there is an ample supply of grain and roughage.

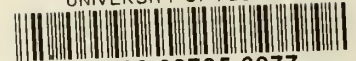
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UNITED STATES EXPORTS OF MEATS

Commodity	Jan. 1960 Pounds	Jan. 1959 Pounds
EXPORTS (Domestic)		
Beef and veal -		
Fresh or frozen (except canned)	1,346,013	914,141
Pickled or cured (except canned)	947,290	831,271
Pork -		
Fresh or frozen (except canned)	889,333	820,625
Hams and shoulders, cured or cooked.	1,794,099	1,308,346
Bacon.	826,084	915,968
Pork, pickled, salted or otherwise cured, n.e.c.	1,054,485	1,548,694
Sausage, bologna & frankfurters (except canned).	177,158	135,167
Meat and meat products (except canned) n.e.c.	204,531	990
Beef and pork livers, fresh or frozen.	6,063,202	4,719,290
Beef tongues, fresh or frozen.	2,130,195	1,898,980
Variety meats, n.e.c.(except canned)	2,891,166	1,632,073
Meat specialties, frozen, n.e.c.	335,570	599,048
Canned meats -		
Beef and veal.	200,237	173,453
Sausage, bologna and frankfurters.	73,118	89,399
Hams and shoulders	45,793	54,561
Pork, canned, n.e.c.	239,398	327,717
Meat and meat products, n.e.c.	318,133	292,785
Lamb and mutton (except canned).	50,926	93,927
Lard (includes rendered pork fat).	68,800,010	42,149,467
Shortenings, animal fat (excl. lard)	103,150	61,865
Tallow, edible	619,601	412,570
Tallow, inedible	137,829,455	112,527,410
Inedible animal oils, n.e.c.	1,007,493	381,242
Inedible animal greases and fats, n.e.c.	14,336,835	7,081,255
Compiled from official records, Bureau of the Census.		

UNITED STATES EXPORTS OF LIVESTOCK

	Jan. 1960 Number	Jan. 1959 Number
Cattle (For breeding) -		
Dairy	405	213
Ex. dairy	2,384	649
Other (ex. for breeding).	596	4,097
Hogs.	663	170
Sheep	1,094	1,020
Compiled from official records, Bureau of the Census.		